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The amounts available for investment in the VEB's for the year 1953 have been severely curtailed. The amounts for shipyards and other industries come to only about ten percent of the sums provided in 1952. For example, ABUS-Kranbau-Eberswalde was able to invest about 3,000,000 DEM in construction, machine tools and other industrial equipment during 1952, while in 1953 only about 300,000 DEM are available. In 1952 ABUS-Kranbau delivered as reparations, about 48 different types of cranes, having a total value of approximately 30,000,000 DEM. Among these were 8 floating cranes which were mounted on bontons by Volkswerft Stralsund VEB. These floating cranes were supposed to have load capacities of 50 and 100 tons. Also, six rotary-tower cranes were built according to special Russian delivery instructions. These instructions required the use of construction steel which would maintain its physical properties even at a temperature down to -60°C. The procurement of such cold-resistant steel has caused considerable difficulties. 1/

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